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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Daniel Flament

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Title : Method And Device For Removing Particles From Webs Of Material

Examiner : Omar Flores-Sanchez

Group Art Unit : 3724

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R E S P O N S E

in response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

S i r :

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement in item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, Applicant elects invention II (product claims 4-17 and 19-21) for prosecution at this time.

Applicant requests a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04 for the non-elected method claims at an appropriate later date.

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In deference to the election requirement in item 4 on page 2 of the Office action, Applicant elects species I (Figs. 1-2) for prosecution at this time.

Applicant will consider in due time whether or not to file a divisional for any non-elected species or invention.

The following claims read on elected invention and species: claims 4-17 and 19-21.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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